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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. prev. doc.:	5405/1/22 REV 2
Subject:	Conclusions on the EU's commitment to an ambitious Codex Alimentarius fit for the challenges of today and tomorrow – Approval

1. The Codex Alimentarius is the joint food standards programme set up in 1963 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to protect consumer health and promote fair practices in food trade. The Codex Alimentarius standards are an important reference for assessing compliance with World Trade Organization (WTO) rules as regards national food safety and health protection measures and regulations.

2. Since the EU's accession to the Codex Alimentarius Commission in 2003, the European Commission and the EU Member States have developed solid cooperation on Codex-related matters. Drawing upon the EU's extensive regulatory and political framework for ensuring food safety and the protection of consumer interests, they have made a significant contribution to the work of the Codex Alimentarius in all its dimensions over the years.
3. Following the preparatory discussions held under the Slovenian Presidency on the priorities of the EU and its Member States for the Codex Alimentarius, on 26 January 2022 the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (Codex Alimentarius) began to examine draft Council conclusions on the Codex Alimentarius drawn up by the Presidency.
5. On 10 February 2022 the Working Party finalised its discussions on the draft Council conclusions and on 11 February 2022 the Presidency noted the absence of written comments from delegations on the final draft as set out in 5405/2/22 REV 2.
6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
 - to approve the final draft Council conclusions entitled 'The EU's commitment to an ambitious Codex Alimentarius fit for the challenges of today and tomorrow', as set out in the addendum to this note;
 - to recommend that the Council approve, as an 'A' item at its meeting on 21 February 2022, the final draft Council conclusions as set out in 6028/22 ADD 1.
